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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, OCLR, TU

SUBJECT: OVERFLIGHT OF TURKEY

1. IN VIEW OF TURKISH SENSITIVITY TO AIRLIFT OF ARMS TO  
THIRD NATION GOVERNMENTS VIA TURKISH AIRSPACE, REQUEST  
EMBASSY'S VIEW REGARDING UPCOMING INCREASE IN FREQUENCY  
OF MAC MISSIONS WHICH WOULD NORMALLY ROUTE THROUGH TURKEY.  
THE USAF NORMALLY PROJECTS TWO MAC ARMS CARRYING MISSIONS  
PER MONTH THROUGH TURKEY. IN ADDITION, USAF EXPECTS 8  
C-141 MISSIONS WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS ALL MAKING DELIVERIES  
UNDER FMS/GRANT AID COMMITMENTS. APPROXIMATELY SIX OF  
THESE EXTRA MISSIONS WILL BE CARRYING MARK 82 500 LB BOMBS,  
ROCKET AMMO WITH EXPLOSIVE PROJECTILE, AND ROCKET MOTORS  
TO IRAN. THE REMAINING TWO WILL CARRY 324 TOW MISSILES

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AND ROCKET AMMO WITH EXPLOSIVE PROJECTILES TO JORDAN.

FURTHER AFTER MARCH, MAC EXPECTS AT LEAST TWO ADDITIONAL C-141 LOADS EACH MONTH TO IRAN FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS.

2. CONSIDERING COST FACTORS AND THE ENERGY CRISIS, WE CAN SEE NO OTHER PRACTICABLE ALTERNATIVE TO ROUTING THESE MISSIONS THROUGH TURKEY. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO REQUESTING INDIVIDUAL DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES FOR THESE MISSIONS, EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT THESE REQUIREMENTS WOULD HAVE ON GOT WILL BE APPRECIATED.

3. IN THE EVENT EMBASSY BELIEVES GOT IS MUCH LESS SENSITIVE TO ARMS AIRLIFT SHIPMENTS AND AIRCRAFT DELIVERIES TO IRAN AND ETHIOPIA THAN TO THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND POSSIBLY PAKISTAN, IT WOULD GREATLY REDUCE WORKLOAD AND FACILITATE ACTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THESE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL CONCERNED IF THE GOT WOULD PROVIDE BLANKET APPROVAL FOR ALL SUCH MISSIONS IN THE FUTURE. IF BLANKET APPROVAL GRANTED, USAF WOULD NOTIFY EMBASSY/USDAO OF MISSION DETAILS AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS IN ADVANCE FOR DELIVERY TO APPROPRIATE OFFICES OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS APPROACH MAY MEET WITH SUCCESS, IT IS REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY SEEK NECESSARY APPROVAL. CLEARANCE FOR ARMS AIRLIFT SHIPMENTS DESTINED FOR COUNTRIES OTHER THAN IRAN AND ETHIOPIA WOULD CONTINUE TO BE REQUESTED 15 WORK DAYS IN ADVANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES IN THE USAF FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE.

4. AN EARLY RESPONSE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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